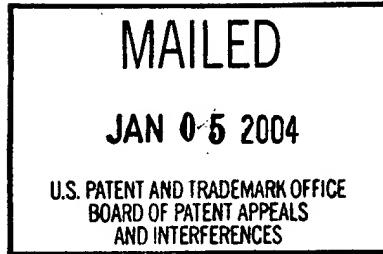


UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES



Ex parte KAPIL D. SINGH

Application No. 09/239,578

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 8, 2003. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matters requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

An amendment after final was filed by applicants on January 21, 2003 (Paper No. 13). The Advisory Action mailed on February 10, 2003 (Paper No. 14) indicated that such amendment would be entered upon appeal. However the application does not indicate that the amendment was entered.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner for proper entry of the amendment filed January 21, 2003 (Paper No. 13) and for such further action as may be appropriate.

It is important that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences be informed promptly of any action affecting the status of the appeal (i.e., abandonment, issue, reopening prosecution).

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